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THE FARMER IN POLITICS.

Much has been said and written of late on the subject of the scholar in politics, and so far as the one scholar in the new role is concerned he has made good. And now let's agree to give the farmer a chance with the assurance that he will go into office knowing the rights of the people, and knowing will dare maintain them. The average politician knows no more of the wants of the country than he does of the movements of the heavenly bodies. If the men who go to Washington to make laws would sometimes visit their country constituents in mid-winter they would return to their work fully impressed with the thought that the one foremost and pressing need of the people of this country is the improvement of the public highways of the land.

To give precedence even to tariff revision demands is to put the cart before the horse, while to deal first with irrigation, or waterways, is to give the great body of the people a stone when they ask for bread.

When successful and thoughtful business men engage the services of agents, they first see to it that they master the details of their particular business, while Senators and Congressmen hurry to Washington densely ignorant of what their duties as representatives demand of them. During heated canvasses they all "orate" to the "dear people" in public places assembled, but when there is no opposition they spend the vacations at their own homes looking after their own affairs, drawing salary with unfailing regularity, instead of visiting from community to community and house to house to study needs, not as they are imagined or read about, but seen face to face.

The pay and perquisite of Congressmen is much more than the average Congressman can make outside of office. Ordinary honesty requires that he give his time, all of it; his talent, all of it, to those he is paid to serve. Instead, as is well known, a seat in Congress interrupts no private enterprise, nor interferes with any personal engagement.

The farmer is too neighborly of disposition to be guilty of any such nonsense, and is too honest not to give value received. The agent who doesn't know the wants and wishes of his master isn't worth his salt, and the Congressman who goes to Washington not carrying on his mind as a burden the necessity for public road improvement certainly isn't worth his salary.

Send more farmers to legislative bodies, State and National. Some scholars, some professional men, a few rich men, but a great many farmers. Farmers of courage and sense, and good judgment.

FARMVILLE.

Says the Petersburg Index-Appeal: Farmville wants a new public building, and wants it bad. The Herald says it does not want it any worse than it needs it. The Index-Appeal is for whatever Farmville wants. Farmville people are the kind who deserve to get what they go after. The Herald suggests Judge Asa D. Watkins as chairman of a committee to go to Washington and tell Congress what the town needs. Judge Watkins knows, and has a mighty takin' way. He and Doctor Jarman and Doctor Anderson, backed up by Representative Turnbull, will come pretty near to getting that building.

Which goes to show that the Herald made no mistake in its suggestion. Not only has Judge Watkins a "takin' way," but so has Dr. Jarman and Dr. Anderson.

Send them to Washington and they will bring back the plum. And let it not be forgotten that the Herald's suggestion is that they go with the committee already named by Mayor Blanton.

Three Pennsylvania hunters spent three weeks in the woods of Maine, and killed six deer. And it was a dear hunt, costing them \$450. And yet a night in the city might have cost even more.

MORE PAY FOR SOLDIERS.

The general Government will in the future pay the officers and men of the volunteer forces of the several States double pay while on extra duty, and one-third of the pay of the regular soldiers all the time.

This seems to be just and reasonable as the volunteers are training for service in time of war should it unfortunately come. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and all soldiers are engaged in work for the common good.

LYNCHBURG AGAIN "WET."

Lynchburg is again "wet" and by a majority of 85 with a full vote cast. There is talk of a contest, when the fact is that but few contests amount to a row of pins. It is unfortunate that a community should be stirred by a liquor fight every two years. The excitement incident to the campaign is all bad, and the want of charity simply deplorable.

It is idle to say that all "Wet" voters are bad citizens, or that all "dry" voters are good citizens. A great evil, but man has yet to learn how to master it.

HERALDINGS.

Mark Twain's only regret about smoking was that he could only smoke one cigar at a time.

Norfolk still a-growing. A court decision adds 14,000 to its population. Nothing small about Norfolk.

A one-time Confederate soldier, now the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Times change and marvellous the changes wrought. Well done, Mr. Taft, the work of the patriot rather than that of the politician.

Girls at Hampden-Sidney. Rice, Green Bay and Pamplin are in the Petersburg Index-Appeal contest for the European trip and visit to Niagara. The Herald's good wishes attend them.

Richmond is a slow old town to get to. It takes the Roanoke papers three days to reach the ancient burg, whereas they come to Farmville in about so many hours.

The socialist candidate for Congress in the recent election spent 15 cents in the canvass. Let him down easy.

The President's message was read to empty chairs, and the impression made upon them has not been reported.

It seems that the lords of England are still to lord it over the people. "What fools we mortals be."

A bumper peanut crop this season and all of us may be able to stand a roast.

Follow the example of the thoughtful and generous house keepers of Farmville and scatter some cereals in the yard for the birds.

Among the personals in the Charlotte Gazette this is often seen. "That E. Watkins is in Farmville this week on business." Always glad to have him with us.

Now and then the Herald is in receipt of a legibly and well written account of some social event in Farmville, and nothing is more acceptable to the management. Let the good work go on.

Hot fight against the bath tub trust in these cold days. Might suspend business without serious loss until the "roses come again."

Norfolk must be rich. Going to abolish taxes on business houses except where liquor is sold. Booze has no friends save the bootlegs.

Woodrow Wilson says he is making his political fight for the "fun of it." And the man who laughs while he works will win out.

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REV. SAMUEL W. PURVIS, D. D., writer of the "Saturday Night Sermons" which have been secured for this paper, is pastor of Cookman Methodist Episcopal church, Columbia, Pa., and is a splendid type of the twentieth century minister that the modern church has made possible. He is quick, alert, spiritual—a fine combination of preacher, pastor, financier, administrator and organizer, with rare social and executive ability. Dr. Purvis is a preacher, magazine writer, traveler, lecturer, journalist and author. His lectures on "Kings Among Men," "Who'll Pay the Freight?" and "Toward the Setting Sun" have the highest press recommendations. As a commencement and after dinner speaker he is in great demand. He has been unusually successful in church debt paying. He says he "knows a tree on which money grows." His article in the last March number of the Circle Magazine, entitled "The Church Debt Doctor," gives an idea how he does the trick. A series of articles in the Church Economist a few years ago on the "Toward the Setting Sun" gave him national prominence. Dr. Purvis speaks without notes or pulpit on an open platform. In style he is short, epigrammatic, has rare powers of description and can paint a vivid picture. He is a native of New York city. An Irish mother gave him a quick, magnetic personality; a Mississippi father gave him the ardent, oratorical temperament peculiar to Dixie Land. He is a graduate of Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pa., and a student of three or four schools of elocution and dramatic oratory all of which is sunk into a personality that is modest naturalness itself. His audiences say and his printed sermons would indicate that he is "different." He is a bundle of vibrant nerves, and his hobby is "more work."

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Willie hung his head and departed. Half an hour later, however, he rushed up to his mother.

"Mamma, do you know what I am?" he asked.

"Yes," the mother replied, "you are a dear, sweet little boy."

"No, I'm not," the young hopeful declared; "I'm a train wrecker. Papa said so."—Brockton Times.

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